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KANNAPOLIS FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 7

The Kannapolis Farmers Market will open Thursday, May 7, in time for you to enjoy an abundance of ripe strawberries, lettuce, berries and asparagus.

The market will be held every Thursday, 4-7 p.m., at the corner of Vance Avenue and Dale Earnhardt Boulevard. The market continues through September.



Due to COVID-19, the Farmers Market has made the following changes:

- Farmers will wear masks and gloves.
- There will be a handwashing station for the public/vendor use.
- No samples
- Farmers and the public will be asked to continue social distance guidelines.

Farmers offer a wide variety of fresh, local produce, as well as honey, spices, crafts, and prepared foods and sauces.

Sign up for text message reminders and updates about the farmers market and specials that vendors may be offering. Text MARKET to 64600. You may unsubscribe at any time. For customers' convenience, the market accepts credit cards, WIC and SNAP/EBT.



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Discover a Healthy Life KANNAPOLIS MATTERS

JOIN THE ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM

Are you looking for a community service project? Do you see trash on the side of the road and want to do something about it? Join the Adopt-a-Street program!

The Adopt-a-Street program in Kannapolis is comprised of individuals or groups who have committed to clean a one-mile section of street in the City at least four times a year for two years. Each person/organization is provided with equipment, a street sign that recognizes the organization and a certificate of participation.

The American Legion Beaver-Pittman Post 115 committed to the Adopt-a-Street program in 2018. The veterans in the post decided to clean South Ridge Avenue.



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COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

The effects of COVID-19 on our community will continue for some time. We are working hard to ensure we do everything we can to help us recover from its impacts on our City. Please get the most up-to-date information by visiting www.kannapolisnc.gov/covid19; Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Next Door and Twitter. We update these sites daily.

Our website has up-to-date information and resources on the virus, up-to-date information on what is allowed and not allowed, resources for where small businesses can get assistance, non-profits that need help and the services they offer to those in need, and much more.

All City services are being maintained 24/7. Garbage, recycling, police and fire protection, customer service, and water and sewer systems are working on regular schedules. (White goods and e-waste are not being accepted at this time).

While City Hall is closed to the public, City staff is hard at work and may be reached by phone or email using this staff directory: www.kannapolisnc.gov/Contact-Us.

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Jay Wood, the organizer for the American Legion Beaver-Pittman Post 115 said, "One of the pillars for our organization is youth, family and community programs. We wanted to commit to that pillar and serve our community by adopting a street."

Wood recommends the program and encourages individuals and other organizations to get involved because "it's a great way to make your organization visible and inspire others. It brings people together and gets them involved in something bigger than themselves. All you have to provide is the sweat equity and volunteers because the City provides everything else."

"We have a beautiful City and it is a shame that people either throw trash out or do not secure trash in their carts or vehicles and it ends up on our streets," q1Wood continued. "Hopefully, people will read this and see us picking up trash and it will make a difference. We want more people to join us in keeping our City clean and beautiful."

They fill, on average, eight 90-gallon bags of trash each time they clean the street.

The City of Kannapolis appreciates their partnership, along with the other organizations that have adopted streets and are working to beautify the City. If you, your business or organization would like to join the Adopt-a-Street program, please contact Melissa Loveless at mloveless@kannapolisnc.gov or visit kannapolisnc.gov/adoptastreet.

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All City special events are cancelled for the month of May. We are reassessing our events, programs and athletics schedules, and will make announcements about how we move forward when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

We are working closely with public health, state and federal officials, community partners and businesses as we all struggle to find our new normal. We appreciate all you are doing to help us keep our City safe and healthy.

HOW CAN YOU HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY?



As we all work together to fight COVID-19, our community has reached out to us and asked, "How can we help?"

There are several non-profit organizations that are stretched to the limit as they work to help people deal with the effects of COVID-19 on their lives. We have created a database of non-profit needs (both for volunteers and items) in Cabarrus County.

Non-profits that need your help include: Cabarrus Meals on Wheels, Cabarrus Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM), Church

of God Children's Home of NC, Inc., Community Free Clinic, CVAN, Opportunity House & Harmony UMC, Elder Orphan Care, First Responders 1st and New Healthcare Concepts, Inc. Please visit our website at www.kannapolisnc.gov/covid19 to view the list of needs.

If you have a non-profit with needs and would like to be added to the list, please email Sherry Gordon at sgordon@kannapolisnc.gov with the name of your non-profit, a brief description of your non-profit and a list of immediate current needs – items needed or volunteers. Include the address, the names of your staff, their phone numbers, hours of operation and their emails.

Your non-profit must serve Cabarrus County, Concord, Harrisburg, Kannapolis (residents in Cabarrus and Rowan counties), Midland and Mt. Pleasant residents to be included in this database. After we have gathered this information, we will share with the public and work to help organizations meet their needs.

PROSPERITY RIDGE APARTMENTS ARE OPEN

Prosperity Ridge Apartments opened in March 2020. A joint project between the City of Kannapolis, Cabarrus County and two local non-profits – Prosperity Unlimited, Inc. and Wesley Community Development – the apartments will serve senior adults.

Located at 1430 El Paso Street, the apartments are restricted to people who are over the age of 55 and have limited incomes. The 60-unit complex is a project spearheaded by the non-profits Prosperity Unlimited, Inc. and Wesley Community Development, which are working to address the needs of affordable housing for seniors. Six of the units are handicap accessible.



Rents are based on residents' income levels. Rents for one-bedroom units range from approximately \$353 to \$650 per

month, while two-bedroom apartments rent from between \$418 and \$770, making them affordable to households earning between 30% and 60% of the area median income. Amenities include a fitness room,

common gathering areas, outdoor grill and laundry facilities. Funding for the apartments came from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, with construction financing provided by Banking Branch & Trust, now Truist, and permanent financing from Centrant Community Capital. The total cost of the project was \$8 million. City of Kannapolis and Cabarrus County provided local HOME funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to contribute to the project.

If you would like more information on renting an apartment in Prosperity Ridge, call the Prosperity Ridge Apartments office at 704-925-3753.

BEFORE YOU GRILL, DO THE DRILL

Roughly seven out of 10 adults in America own a grill. That adds up to some pretty tasty meals for many folks. With warmer weather right around the corner, many people will be using their grills. Before you grill, do the drill! What does that mean? It's simple – it's your grilling safety drill. Ask yourself these eight pre-grilling questions so that your delicious meal won't "go up in smoke," literally!

Kannapolis Fire Department's Do the Drill Checklist:

- Is your grill being used outdoors?
- Is it placed away from the home, the deck railings, out from under overhanging branches?
- Is it at least three feet from pets and small children?
- Have you removed grease or fat build-up from the grill and its trays?
- If it is a propane grill, have you checked the tank hose for leaks?
- If it is a charcoal grill, do you have lighter fluid, not another flammable liquid?
- Are you fit to grill? Do you feel fatigued, or are you under the influence of alcohol or medication?
- Last, but not least, do you have everything you need so that you do not leave the grill unattended?



Do the drill every time you grill to keep you, your home and your family safe during this outdoor grilling season.

